

to make appropriate decisions about postsecondary education and training.

(c) Establish and operate a national clearinghouse designed to encourage students to seek careers and professional personnel to seek employment in the various fields related to the education of children and youth with disabilities that will do the following:

(1) Collect and disseminate information on current and future national, regional, and State needs for special education and related services personnel.

(2) Disseminate information to high school counselors and others concerning current career opportunities in special education, location of programs, and various forms of financial assistance (such as scholarships, stipends, and allowances).

(3) Identify training programs available around the country.

(4) Establish a network among local and State educational agencies and institutions of higher education concerning the supply of graduates and available openings.

(5) Provide technical assistance to institutions seeking to meet State and professionally recognized standards.

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§§ 320.11–320.19 [Reserved]

Subpart C—[Reserved]

Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 320.30 What are the selection criteria used to award a grant?

The Secretary uses the criteria in this section to evaluate applications for new grants. The maximum score for all the criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each complete criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) *Plan of operation.* (40 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the plan of operation for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) High quality in the design of the project;

(ii) An effective plan of management that insures proper and efficient administration of the project;

(iii) A clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;

(iv) The way the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and

(v) A clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented such as—

(A) Members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(B) Women;

(C) Individuals with disabilities; and

(D) The elderly.

(b) *Quality of key personnel.* (15 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the qualifications of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The qualifications of the project director (if one is to be used);

(ii) The qualifications of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;

(iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (b)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as—

(A) Members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(B) Women;

(C) Individuals with disabilities; and

(D) The elderly.

(3) To determine personnel qualifications, the Secretary considers experience and training, in fields related to the objectives of the project, as well as other information that the applicant provides.

(c) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project has an adequate budget and is cost effective.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The budget for the project is adequate to support the project activities; and

(ii) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.

(d) *Evaluation plan.* (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the evaluation plan for the project. (See 34 CFR 75.590.) *Evaluation by the grantee.*

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows methods of evaluation that are appropriate for the project, and to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

(e) *Adequacy of resources.* (5 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The facilities that the applicant plans to use are adequate; and

(ii) The equipment and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.

(f) *Experience and ability.* (10 points) The Secretary looks for information that shows the applicant's—

(1) National experience relevant to performance of the functions supported by this program;

(2) Ability to conduct its proposed project;

(3) Ability to communicate with the intended consumers of information; and

(4) Ability to maintain the necessary communication with other agencies and organizations.

(g) *Cooperation and coordination with other agencies.* (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the activities funded under this section will be coordinated with—

(i) Similar activities funded from grants and contracts awarded under this part and under part C of the Act; and

(ii) Other agencies and organizations conducting or eligible to conduct activities essential to the effective implementation of the proposed project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows the nature and extent of, and timeline for, coordination which the applicant has had and proposes to have to facilitate implementation and continuation of the project activities after termination of Federal funding.

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§ 320.31 What are the priorities for funding under this program?

The Secretary may select as annual priorities any of the activities listed in § 320.10 by publishing a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 320.32 What additional factors does the Secretary consider?

In awarding grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements under this part, the Secretary gives priority to any applicant with:

(a) Demonstrated, proven effectiveness at the national level in performing the functions established in this part; and with the ability to conduct such projects, communicate with intended consumers of information, and maintain the necessary communication with national, regional, State and local agencies and organizations.

(b) Demonstrated, proven effectiveness at the national level in providing informational services to minorities and minority organizations.

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§§ 320.33—320.39 [Reserved]

Subpart E—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

§ 320.40 What evaluation and coordination requirements must be met by a grantee?

(a) Each grantee under this part shall ensure that any printed materials it produces or disseminates have been